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- TONG Choon Chee, manager of the Hong Kong branch of the China Merchants Steam Navigation Co. (CMSNC), arrived in Singapore 30 April 1950 aboard the Dutch liner TJISIDANE. His trip to Singapore is in connection with Chinese Communist Party (CCP) affairs and specifically with the appointment of a new Singapore agent for the CCP-controlled CMSNC,
- On 30 April when TONG was entertained at the Tanjong Rhu Club he was given a particularly warm reception by TAN Lark Sys *. TONG hopes that TAN will assume the agency for the CMSNC.
 - Washington Comment. TAN Lark Sye is a prominent Singapore businessman, president of the Singapore Rubber Dealers' Association and one of the leaders of the TAN Kah Kee left-wing branch of the Chinese Chamber of Commerce. He was elected president of the Chinese Chamber of Commerce at its meeting in March 1950.

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